

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim Objections

2. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 9, line 7: Please substitute "and/or" with ~~and~~~~or~~ ~~or~~.

Appropriate correction is required.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Rabinowiz (US 2004/0009731) teaches a garment with electrically conductive region.

However, none of prior art teaches a fabric interconnect system comprising a connector with two perforated layers of material with one or more perforations and one or more flexible layers of material with one or more jutting fibers wherein the jutting

fibers are engaging the two perforated layers, and a fabric connector comprising two or more perforated layers of material having two or more conductive portions, one or more biasing elements connected to the two or more conductive portions and one or more actuators connected to the one or more biasing elements and the two or more conductive portions as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEUNG H. LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven S. Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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